

Docket No.: 058604-0032

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Hideki MORIKAWA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 1153
Application No.: 10/698,370 : Group Art Unit: 2854
Filed: November 03, 2003 : Examiner: Leo T. Hinze
For: INK FEEDING RATE CONTROL METHOD AND AN INK FEEDING RATE CONTROL APPARATUS

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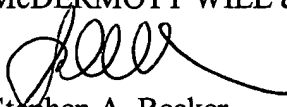
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on November 3, 2003. Since more than one and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before January 18, 2004 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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